

REMARKS

Claims 7-11, 26-31 and 33-36 were previously pending in the application. New claims 37-39 are added. Therefore, claims 7-11, 26-31 and 33-39 are presented for consideration.

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action of March 25, 2005, applicants elect Group I, claims 27, 7-11, 26, 28 and 35-36, with traverse.

Non-elected independent claim 29 in Group II is amended herewith to include the special technical feature of at least five spaced anti-tracking ribs being unevenly spaced such that there is a unique distance between every two immediately adjacent ribs. Independent claim 27 of Group I also includes this feature.

Accordingly, both Groups I and II relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2 they include a corresponding special technical feature of at least five ribs being unevenly spaced such that there is a unique distance between every two immediately adjacent ribs. Thus, all the claims of Groups I and II relate to a single inventive concept and the lack of unity determination must be withdrawn.

As part of the amendment, new claims 37-39 are added that depend from claim 27. Since these claims depend from claim 27, they also include the special technical feature of at least five of the ribs being unevenly spaced such that there is a

unique distance between every two immediately adjacent ribs and thus these claims should also be examined as part of the elected group.

In light of the above discussion, it is believed that the determination of lack of unity set forth in the Official Action of March 25, 2005 is improper and must be withdrawn. An action on the merits of all the claims now in the application is therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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